

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

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Fig. 4 shows the profile shape of the diffraction grating; ~~[[and]]~~

Fig. 5 shows top view of the diffraction grating;

Fig. 6 shows a plan view of an example diffraction grating having symmetry;

Fig. 7 shows a cross section taken along section line B-B of Fig. 6 of an example grating having annular depressions which are concentric;

Fig. 8 shows a cross section taken along section line B-B of Fig. 6 of an example grating having wherein the depth of depressions decreases as the radial distance from the optical axis increases; and

Fig. 9 shows a plan view of an example diffraction grating wherein a diffractive element is positioned only in an annular region.